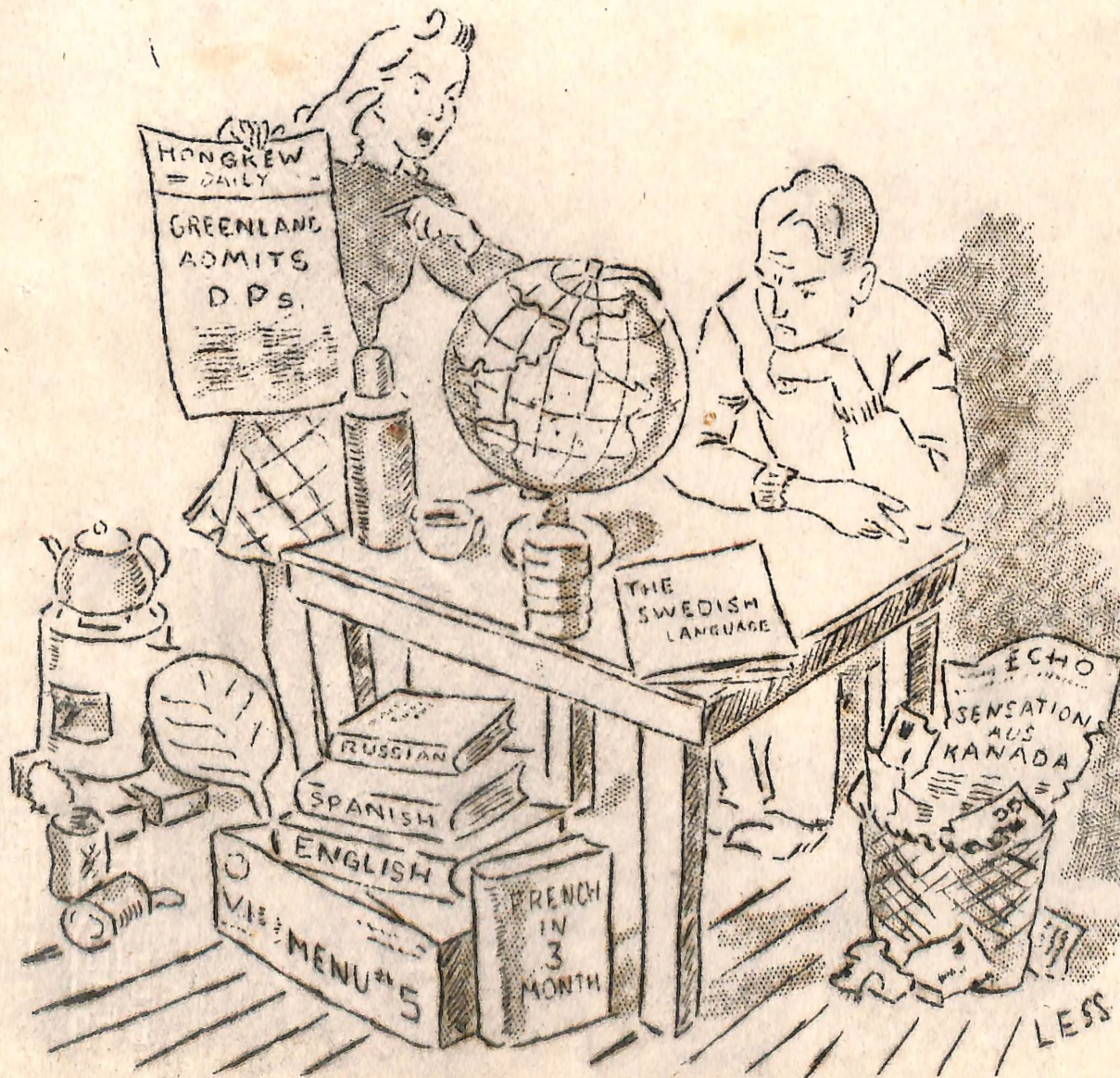


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LOOKING AHEAD

..... And again, now for the third time, I have the opportunity of writing the Editorial for the FUTURE. Readers and Writers, amongst themselves, are bound to have different views, and yet I shall attempt to tell to the public, views and opinions of our clubmembers, and especially those which have been expressed by the editors of this.

It is perhaps far fetched, but nevertheless the truth, that not all members of our club adhere to the saying; "one for all and all for one" and it will be the negligence of this old and approved rule of life, which is a danger to the future of our world. Already here amongst ourselves, we find traits of selfishness and dissatisfaction which must naturally lead to unhappiness.-

We expect help from friends, both known and unknown to us; assistance from countries far away, and busy with their own numerous troubles. Are we prepared to give something in return? Most of us, would answer immediately with a YES.- But are we willing to keep our word, and if, to what extend?- We are willing to take advantage of the rights and freedoms of people offering us a new home and living - possibilities, but what in return are we prepared to give: perhaps money? I do not think that if we gave all we possess, our obligations would be fully met.- But what else is there, that our future neighbours could demand? The answer can be expressed in one word: SERVICE. Yes, service to them, and through that to ourselves. To prove the case, needs but one example: Countries are willing to give us a permanent home, and attached to their offer are a number of conditions under which our entry to these countries is possible. Already the fact that there are conditions attached to that offer, is the topic of many a heated discussion. All the more, when one of these conditions means work for some years, at a certain place, during prescribed hours and at a fixed salary (which as we know is abundant to make a decent living) seems to some of us, the worst of the lot. These conditions are now the cause of an illfeeling towards those nations. Can a sane person wonder, when this feeling is return with hatred and disgust? - A chance has been given and refused without reason. And still people cry: HELP!

The Jewish Community Center has members with different views and ideologies, but one thing we all have undeniable in common, is. Our Jewish Faith! Is our Faith so decisive in making us seemingly different from the rest of the world or is it this proud feeling" we are more than other", which makes us always unsatisfied and wanting for more.- It is time that all of us realize that this is not the case, and the earlier we start thinking of others as our equals, the nearer we shall come to the solution of our problems. After all, we are only a small fraction of those, which are working for real democracy and a peaceful life, in which all share alike rights and obligations.

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Preparing ourselves for new homes, gives us time to change our habits, so as to fit in with our new surroundings, custom and freedoms, of the people who are going to be our future neighbours. We should be proud of our religion and remain true to the faith of our forefathers, but success in our future homes can be ours, if we realize that we cannot always remain creditors to the rest of the world. We should realize that we have certainly a right to take advantage of offered help, but are in honour bound to repay, what has been loaned to us; here and everywhere!

H.B. Grawi
Editor in Chief.

AJDC's CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PROGRAMM.

Members of the Shanghai Jewish Community Center, while attending one of the numerous lectures, or visiting social functions and dances, or simply enjoying a leisurly hour in the comfortable and cozy lounge, and taking all this for granted, should however sometimes remember that all this has not come into being out of nothing but forms part and parcel of the extensive child and youth care program of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, major American Jewish relief agency.

Ever since the victorious armies of the united nations put an end to the rule of terror and persecution, this program has been one of the foremost concerns of the agency. And well was the plight of the Jewish youth in Europe something to be gravely concerned about. Of 1,200,000 Jewish children in continental Europe, excluding Great Britain and Soviet Russia, only around 170.000 had survived, meaning that out of every 7 children only one had escaped the holocaust. To save this precious rest which for a great part represents the future of the race, no sacrifice seemed big enough.

Out of the total of 170.000 children about 100.000 are now cared for by AJDC supported welfare agencies, either in child care institutions, by foster parents, or through general relief extended to their families. Compared with 65.000 children who received AJDC aid during the fall of 1945, the present number represents an increase of 54%.

Among the services provided for the children, the most conspicuous one is of course the care for their basic needs, such as food, clothing and maintenance. In this respect, the needs of the children have been given a special priority in AJDC's supply program. But of hardly lesser importance is medical treatment and psychological guidance. So poor was the general state of health of the children that in quite a few countries it has been necessary to develop special medical facilities for disabled children under the supervision of American Child specialists.

Then there is, after years of neglected education, an urgent call for general and vocational training. In cooperation with ORT, this is taken care of in schools, training classes, Alijahs and Kibbutzim. Religious services are another urgent requirement. In many countries it has been possible to institute summer vacation camps.

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A major part in carrying out this program is played by the various child care institutions, but not less than 266 of which are supported by AJDC throughout the continent, not counting those in Germany and Austria. Most of them find themselves in Roumania, Poland and Hungary, but also in France which has given shelter to a considerable number of Jewish children.

A social and cultural center for the rising generation run on a self-government basis, like the one provided by the Community Center here, does not seem to be in evidence anywhere in Europe. Shanghai youngsters should be proud to have something not existing in the various places of Jewish survival and should try to make it a success, thus setting an example for their European brethren which, so we hope, will soon be emulated.

Dr. St.

JEWISH PROBLEMS OF TODAY.

Wednesday March the 5th, Mr. A. Masel, President of the Australian Jewish Community, spoke at the club on "Jewish Problems of today".

Having been introduced by the chairman Mr. R. Langer, Mr. Masel in an most interesting lecture, outlined some Jewish Problems from the viewpoint of an Australian Jew.

"Roughly divided there are two problems:

- a. The Overseas Problem
- b. The Local Problem.

THE OVERSEAS PROBLEM

The main concern of the Australian Jewry today are their unfortunate brethren in Europe and their rescue from D.P. camps.

The only solution of the Jewish problem, Mr. Masel continued, "is a JEWISH NATIONAL HOME in PALESTINE! Unless the goal can be achieved there will be no solution of our tragedy. (applause!)

"Unfortunately, through the attitude of the British Government, which is nothing short of a scandal, and their infamous White Paper, the gates of Zion are closed!"

"This forces us to find another solution for the time being. The Australian government leads today as in the past the way as far as migration is concerned". At this point Mr. Masel warned the Shanghai refugees that he is not a "Messiah", as the power to grant permits lies in the hand of the Commonwealth Department, while he himself was only to interview refugees and to report on these interviews to the Ministry of Immigration.

THE KIMBERLEY PLAN.

Dr. Steinberg of the Freeland league once presented a plan to the Australian government to settle some 50.000 Jews in KIMBERLEY, West Australia. Kimberley is 3000 miles away from civilisation, tropical, with a rainy season lasting three months- so completely unsuitable. But that was not the only reason, as a matter of fact not at all the reason, why Mr. Masel, who was in charge of the investigation, rejected the plan on behalf of the Australian Jewry.

To Accept this plan is detrimental to Jewish interests as there is only one land for us: Palestine!

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To settle a group of Jews outside of Erez Israel would have been immediately used by the British government as a pretext to abandon Jewish rights in Palestine! Besides the settlement of a group of Jews in one area would be nothing short of setting up another Ghetto and we have enough of any kind of Ghetto!"-----

(Editors notes.)

There has been more than one plan of this kind, but all of them have failed as they always will- as a land suitable for these purposes must fulfill three requirements.

a. The territory in question must be empty.

The population must at least be insignificant as otherwise the same problem would arise as today in Erez Israel. Even if the natives would be ignorant and illiterate they would soon find some white skinned protector (british most probably) to protect their "interests".

b. The territory must be good.

This means it must be suitable for colonisation by Europeans. Where other white pioneers have failed, we are not likely to succeed.

c. The territory must be of no value to its present owner

Conflict is bound to arise wherever there is a common frontier between the owners country and a Jewish "Province" since the owner must always fear that fleeing Jews will flood their own provinces, to which, quite rightly they object.

Yet, between the provinces of the same state, or the cantons of the same federation, intermigration can not be prohibited without issuing internal passports which would immediately poison the civic, democratic atmosphere, as it would create a less privileged class or group- in other words again a Ghetto.

So the only solution left would be to declare the territory a Jewish state at once.

But that again is only possible if the country has no value to its owners. Yet, this would be strange indeed, if the land in question fulfills the first two requirements,.. as an UNINHABITED land which is HABITABLE, is already an enviable value.

Although Palestine cannot compete with other countries in possibilities of colonisation or ease of access, all values and advantages added up and compared still make it the suitable and only place in the world. As much as we condemn totalitarian patriotism there are sometimes desperate situations where a decent man has no other choice but to say "Right or wrong my country!"-----

THE LOCAL PROBLEM.

Mr. Masel pointed out that there was a certain amount of anti-semitism in Australia but that a Jewish Council was successfully combating it.

There definitely is not enough attention given to Hebrew education in Australia, as only 25% of the Jewish youth attend Jewish education. Another fact related by our guest was that the Jews divided themselves into too many sections such as Russina German Australian Refugee and so on. Speaking about Jewish Community Centers Mr. Masel felt, that their program should consist on Zionist, Jewish Cultural and social activities, and ended his interesting lecture under enourmous applause.

Walter Fueredi.

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" MY EXPERIENCES AS A WAR CRIMES PROSECUTOR "

Lecture by Mayor Dwyer, given at the Jewish Youth Community Center
on Tuesday, March 11th, 1947

This lecture has been Major Dwyer's last public appearance. He died on March 19th, deeply mourned by all those who have ever known him. The Community Center lost with him a true friend and the world a great man. He will live for ever in our hearts. May he rest in peace!

Major Dwyer, together with Col. O'Connor, was introduced to the audience by Youth Council Chairman Bobby Langer. The Major immediately captured the attention of his listeners with his eloquent and witty manner of speech. He not only had the audience deeply absorbed in the subject, but he had them cooing with laughter time and again with his anecdotes and remarks.

First, the Major gave an account of how he entered the army in 1942, as an ordinary Private and went to military school at Fort Niagara. Then he was successively promoted to P.F.C., Corporal, etc., till he came to hold his present rank of Major. Quite an achievement! The Major came to China under Major General Chennault, whose Ass. Judge Advocate he became. In October 1945 he came to Shanghai, and had to tackle the war crimes trials.

The first case to which he was assigned was the case of the Doolittle Flyers. As will be remembered, on April 18th, 1942, the U.S. Aircraft-carrier "U.S.S. Hornet" was 750 miles off Tokyo. From this carrier, 16 B-25's were sent off on a bombing mission to Japan. In the Doolittle case the aircrafts No. 6 & 16 were involved. Ship No. 6 had bombed Tokyo, but did not have enough gasoline to return, and made a crash-landing in the ocean near Ningpo, but of the crew of 5, there were only 3 survivors. The same had happened to ship No. 16, which had bombed Nagoya, and then crash-landed near Nanchang, with all 5 members of the crew safe. Thus there were altogether 8 survivors, all of whom were captured by the Japs, taken to Tokyo and then to Shanghai. Here they were tried and convicted on a law, which was introduced to the Jap parliament by Hattaro Kamira, at present a defendant in the Tojo case. This law stated that any captured airman, found responsible for the damage of non-military objects, shall be sentenced to death. Major Dwyer pointed out that with the ever-increasing tempo of war, it was of course impossible to prevent that bombs strayed out and also hit non-military objects. So, the Japanese used this law as an excuse for killing their captives under the protection of "law". Here is what the Major called "the ideal set-up for a perfect crime", by killing people, with the excuse of enforcing a law. The 8 Doolittle Flyers were held for questioning for more than 60 days at the Jap. Army 13th Head Quarters (from June 8th - August 13th, 1942).

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This imprisonment was followed up with a "Trial" which lasted less than 15 minutes, and in which one of the fliers, sick with Beri-Beri, and a temperature of 105 deg.F.(i.e. about 40 deg.C.). During this short "trial", in which the flyers had no chance to defend themselves, all flyers were sentenced to death. 5 of these 8 sentences were commuted, however into life imprisonment. The other 3 flyers were shot at the cemetery on the present Wedemeyer Rd., about 2 miles from the Kiangwan traffic center. Captain Neilson, who testified at the War Crimes Trials at Ward Road Jail, was one of those whose sentence was commuted.

The second case which Major Dwyer had to handle was the Major Hauck, or Hongkong case. This was similar to the Doolittle case. A P-51 pilot, who had bombed purely military targets at Hongkong, was forced down through anti-aircraft fire, captured in January 1945, and taken to Stanley Prison. In contrast to the other case, he was well-treated. However, he was also tried and convicted on the same "law" as the Doolittle Flyers, for the Japanese said that his bombings had caused the damage of a civilian Chinese fishing boat. Without any chance to speak, the defendant was sentenced to death and executed.

Finally, the Major came to talk about the Erhardt case which lasted for 3½ months. In this trial Major Dwyer acted as Ass. Prosecutor. The Major said that this case is at present under review by the Commanding General, and he (Dwyer) should not be considered as trying to influence the General, if he tells the audience a few things about the case. He simply wants to give an informal account of the trial. The issue in this case was whether the accused group of people had violated the German capitulation terms, by committing any military acts after May 8th, 1945. And the Prosecution proved that they did. In this case circumstantial evidence played a very important role, and Col. O'Connor, the chief Prosecutor, and he himself relied largely for guidance on the famous Gillette case (also known as "The American Tragedy") in which the people of New York prosecuted Gillette, who was convicted through circumstantial evidence.

Before making his general conclusion to the lecture, Major Dwyer related a few anecdotes from his life. He then asked for questions from the audience and was time and again put "on the spot", as he himself said. The enthusiasm with which the Major answered the questions was admired by the entire audience, and a lively discussion ensued, which, it seemed, would never end. However it was getting late, and the Major then gave his general conclusion to the topic.

He stated, that, regarding the war crimes trials, there are 3 groups of thought. Firstly, there are those people who say that one should let bygones be bygones, and forget it all. Then there are those who want the criminals to be just taken out and shot without any trial whatsoever. Finally there are those who demand that fair trials should be accorded to the criminals. The Major strongly attacked all those with the "let us forget it" attitude. Every crime must be punished to serve as a deterrent to others, and war crimes are no exception. To those, on the other hand, who are just for "Finishing off" the criminals without trial, the Major had to say that it was exactly this what the courts are prosecuting. We would then be repeating the crimes of the Fascists. Thus the only right and just thing to do is to give these criminals a fair trial. "That is American fairness and justice!", the Major concluded amidst the great applause of the audience.

K. Spitzer

CHASE AWAY YOUR BLUES

by
K. Seligsohn



Of all the many songs that there are, such sentimental ones like: "I've got the blues, the blues blues" and "I am so sorry for myself" are definitely the worst, and should be outlawed, I think. A fellow's mood, who when not exactly in high spirits, turns on the radio to cheer up and is then eventually subjected to such sentimental treats, is likely to take a turn for the worse.

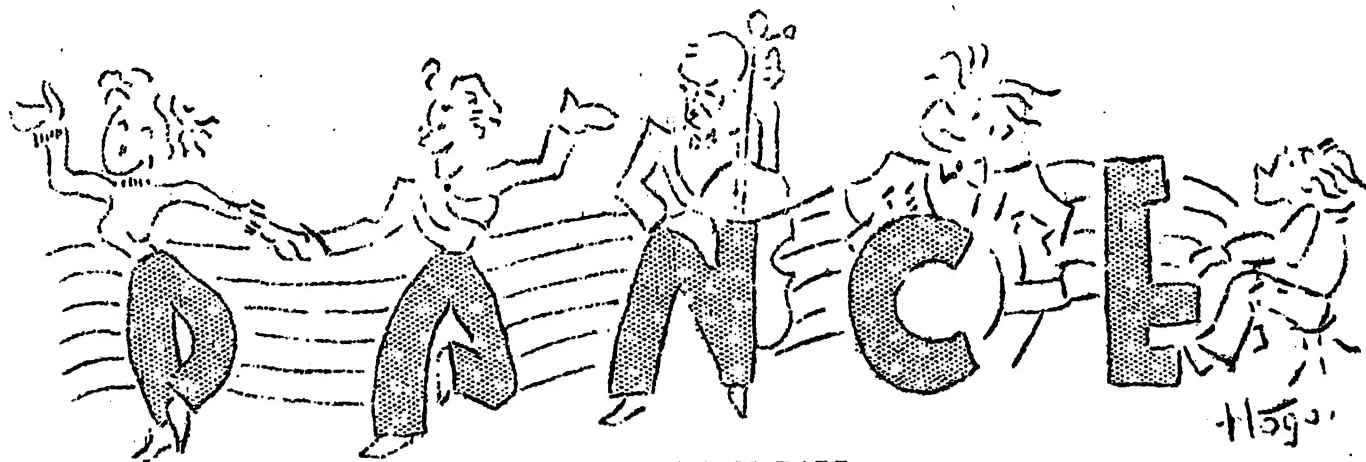
There are few people who can say that they never have blues, that they are never subjected to moods. And of these few many have them, though they hate to admit it. That's only natural. But to know that you are feeling blue, and to strengthen that feeling by maintaining an "I am so sorry for myself" attitude, instead of doing something against it, is the worst thing that can happen to you, and should be dealt with most seriously. It is about the same, as if a person, has, say, an inflamed foot, watches the inflammation spread daily like an interested bystander and goes around, brooding over his ill-fate, while knowing his troubles would end, if he would only consult the doctor next door.

Blues or other moods, resulting mostly from disappointment, failure, unexpected and seemingly unconquerable obstacles and so on, are a sickness just like any other, only that their treatment does not depend on a doctor or the medicine he uses, but on your own will and determination to fight it.

You will nearly always know when the blues try to take you in their grip; when everything looks black and hopeless, when everything you do or others are doing is annoying you, when you wish you were somewhere else, not even knowing where you would like to be..... Well, this is the time to stand up and fight it back. Resolve not to let the blues get you down. Chase them away by a change of scenery, by busying yourself with your hobby, by attending a movie or by going to a place, where you are sure to find a happy and carefree surrounding. By making yourself forget about your worries and troubles for an hour or two, and taking a look at the lighter sides of life, you will again have attained the emotional strength to face your hardships.

In your first stage of combat against this widespread and dreadful disease, don't go to a party, if you are not sure you can control yourself enough, as not to let the outside world know at the first glance how you are feeling. For there is nothing worse for both, the others and you, than attending a party sitting in a corner, maybe having a glass and a bottle of whisky before you, and that "leave me alone, I'm feeling blue" expression written all over you. People are very sensitive about that. They do leave you alone, secretly wishing you'd go, and not spoil their fun. The result: You are feeling like a lonesome and outcast intruder, and you leave the party in an even worse emotional condition than you were in before.

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OUR PURIM BALL.

A gaily decorated hall greeted the crowd who flocked to the premises of the J.C.C. to attend this year's Purim Ball on Saturday, March 8. Starting off smoothly this evening turned into a definite success due to the fine arrangement of the social committee which this time more than ever was backed up by the energetic Mrs. Gredsky. A fine band, which played up to midnight, put the people into the right mood while superb Haman-taschen did their part to comfort their stomachs. A queen Esther was chosen by popular vote and duly crowned. Evelyn Chaim was the biggest surprise of her life, the biggest surprise she. Elvira Nissenbaum came second, while there were not less than three thirds with an equal number of votes. A dancing contest, in which one had to stand still like a statue, the very moment the music stopped, was won by Lothar Luft and Chaja Ambaras, (and didn't she like her prize!). The most hilarious event of the evening was a pie eating contest in which the contestants were required to eat a pie from a plate without the help of their hands. The pie was cunningly smeared on top with a heavy layer of marmalade which wrought havoc on the faces of the contestants. First came the omnipresent Alfred Aschenbrand, alias the G-man, who was not fooling when he said: "I did not eat, but I won". Second, Thca Gellert exhibited to the interested public what must undoubtedly have been a new type of very dark lipstick applied on the most odd parts of the face. The Baby Milk Bottle Contest, in which the competing "babies" were fed milk from a bottle by their respective "mothers", was significantly won by the youngest of the entries, Baby Heinz Salomon. Still seems to be in practice, don'tcha think so?....

And here is a hint from a male contributor:-The announcement that Evelyn Chaim was voted Queen Esther sure shows what a new perm and a low neckline can do, so girls, -quoth he- for more popularity, just follow suit.

Happy Birthday and many more to come.....
to all those
who were born in March.

I, for my own person, have found a very useful formula, according to which I act, when I feel the blues approaching. First of all, I discovered the American saying: "Keep smiling, whatever may happen" to be extremely useful, for it is very difficult to smile on one side, and I mean really to smile, and to feel blue on the other. Just try it, I wonder whether you can do it. Second, I force my mind in another direction, mostly by going to a movie. Reading or talking with other people doesn't help me, because somehow or other my mind always returns to my own, oh so pitiful situation; I start to talk about it, and that's exactly what one shouldn't do. Sometimes it helps to recall the lots of persons you know, and who, though being far worse off than you, yet keep their heads up.

Try it the one way or other the next time, note the results of your defense measures and work out a regular battle plan. Never try it by selfpitying or expecting others to feel sorry for you.

But important as all these steps in fighting the disease might be they won't help you, unless you have the firm will and determination to get rid of it and to chase the blues away.

So In Future: "Keep smiling, and everything will turn out all-right".



KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING!



They really did keep the home fires burning
on March the 5th,
When all of a sudden the lounge was ablaze;
Funny, but occasions like that I never miss
And into the flames I dreamily did gaze.

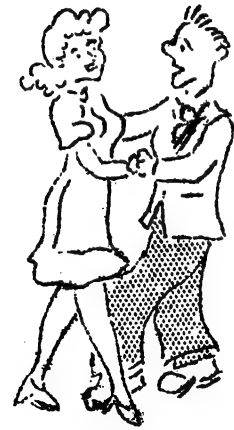
It wouldn't come into my mind to stop it.
Oh no, I love to see destruction from a
distance,
And if they wouldn't have extinguished it,
I must admit
I'd still be standing there, staring into
the flames.

"Mullina"

FROM A-Z SOCIETY.

DANCING LESSONS.....

Space is scarce, but as our mag has granted me some to tell the public how we learn dancing, here I am. Under the expert guidance of maestro of the ballet Mr. Erdstein and with music by the pianist Mr. Weisz, classes for beginners are held Thursdays between 8 and 9.30 p.m. In spite of the very regrettable fact that there are a great deal more boys present than girls, we have been able to learn a great deal so far. Slowfox, fox-trot, tango and English waltz have been on our agenda and the boys feel very sure already trying their steps at our dancing parties. This all has only been possible because a few girls regularly turned up in the beginning, when dancing with us was no pleasure indeed, and have selflessly helped Mr. Erdstein in his task. We regret to have lost Evelyn Chaim, one of our most popular girls, who has left for the United States. Let us hope that many more girls will come to our classes in future to make up for our loss.



Alfred Aschenbrand.

OUR AMATEUR BAND.....

played for us at the advanced dancing lessons on Wednesday, March 12 and 19. A fine performance was given by the orchestra which consists of

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| Walter Fackenheim | piano | Kurt Joseph | trumpet |
| Henry Sattler | violin | Werner Ebstein | Hawaiian guitar |
| Hans Gelfand | accordeon | Walter Tichauer | drum |

The position of a crooner is still open and girls or boys, who think they can be of help are requested to get in touch with the band leader Kurt Joseph. Our gratitude goes to our amateurs who by untiring efforts managed to build up such a fine band which is going to become one of our most important institutions and one of the active of the club.

OUR MOUTH ORGAN BAND.....

which has successfully entertained us at several of our dance parties already did not fail to turn up at the dance on Saturday, March 22nd. By their lively rendition of a number of popular song hits they managed to keep the assembled crowd in good spirits. Consisting of eight players under the leadership of Walter Lesselbaum, the band plans to extend its scope by cooperation with our amateur orchestra.

DEPARTURES.....

March has brought us the loss of another group of good friends and active members of the club and only the fact that we know that they have gone for better shores to start a new, finer life, made parting easier. There were two boats to the United States this Month, S/S General Gordon on March 5th taking:

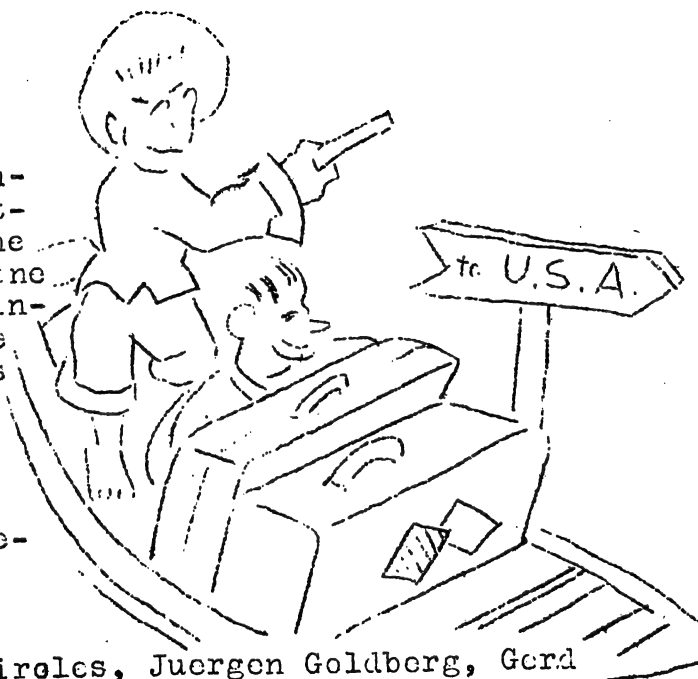
"Shirley" Evelyn Popielarz, member of the Youth Council, and person responsible for the "Gossip" in the first issue of our magazine.

Gerd Flatow and Evelyn Guttentag, both well known in our ping-pong circles, Juergen Goldberg, Gerd Lindenstrauss and Alex Heilbrenn.

By S/S Marine Lynx on March 20th left:

"Queen Esther" Evelyn Chaim, voted most popular girl of the club at this month's Purim Ball, her brother Erwin Chaim, JRC Ping Pong ace Lothar Luft and Ellen Salomon.

A detachment of the J.C.C. was to see them off with a huge banner wishing them "Bon Voyage". Our wishes go with them, that they may find peace and prosperity in their new home which has become a haven of refuge to so many of the hunted of the world.



BEATE

CARTOON OF THE MONTH.

OUR TREASURE.



ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS :

Primo:

A little lass
Her drawing room manners were that
Of a prussian kitty cook in dimity,
Her cookery that of a lady in silk.



Secondo:

A sulky lad,
A bit of a crank
And not much of a yank,
A little dull and a little dumb,
A little nuts and a little plump.



Q u i z :

What will we do with a girl and a boy,
So sleek and so meek and so weak and so coy?

A n s w e r :

We chuck them into the Center,
We truck them into the crowd,
We brush and mop and shape them
And turn them A ONE out.

The boy is now a dandy
A great chap and a chum,
Amiable and handy
And yore he was a bum.

And straight and swell and cutie
Turned our lassie-kid
Although she is no beauty
And yet she is a hit.

A hit is our Center,
Our Center is a hit,
And when hard life we enter,
We feel, we're trim and fit.

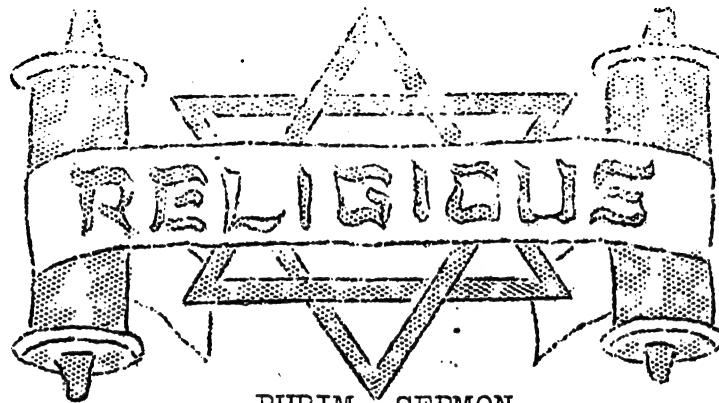


Eva Mannheim

Solution to Syllabic Puzzle No.2

by Horst Ebstein

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PURIM SERMON

by
Boris Katz,

"And these days shall be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, every city; that these days of Purim shall not fail from among the Jews." This reads a concluding verse from the Scroll of Esther, and thus throughout all lands and all ages; Throughout twentyfive long and painful centuries Jews, conscious of their past, assembled year by year to celebrate the Feast of Lots. To treat Purim as a minor festival is to detract from it in our minds in great significance it embodies. The miracle of deliverance that it immortalizes and the lesson of courageous faith it proclaims, should place it in the forefront of our national celebrations. Purim should indeed be a great and joyous feast! For, how often in the tragic history of our people has a day of doom been turned into a day of triumph? It is not written "...and it was decreed throughout the vast empire-- from India even to Ethiopia, over a hundred and twenty seven provinces.... to destroy, to kill and to cause to perish all the Jews, young and old, little children and women in one day?" Indeed our people were at the very brink of annihilation but through God's providence for once we escaped unscathed, for once we had complete revenge and full justice had been done. Never again was there such another parallel in our history! But today, standing amidst the still smouldering ashes of a new catastrophe with grieving shattered hearts--- beholding the ruined

remnants of our people-- beholding the tremendous agony that millions had suffered Jewish faith appears to wane and falter. Seeing all that is done in the name of freedom and justice and peace whereas barbarism holds sway and rages-- while sweet promises are whispered into our ears, whereas our limbs are tied, our bodies maimed and beaten and left to bleed away and perish-- How can we, in the face of all this agony look back into our past and be consoled by it? How can we bolster up our faltering faith and failing energies by the glory, that has been? How can we look back when our sight is blinded by the hellish image of today's disaster? To our past therefore, let us look back as a source of solace strength and inspiration. To those events and periods and heroes that are like beacons to light the dreary centuries. Let us stop to glimpse upon the pinnacles of our glory... But we do not even have to go so far afield for a source of strength. This very day, we have a vibrant living example of a purposeful Jewish life. Behold in what short period Palestine has grown from strength to strength. In spite of all the innumerable hardships at every step of the way, of our small numbers and our enemies besetting us on all sides-- in spite of all the unswerving faith of old has given birth to a new people with renewed strength. Indeed we of the Galuth need no better reminder to spur us on; no better example than this living one, to help us

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survive as loyal Jews in an ever hostile world. It is the unshakeable unity of the purpose of the Yishuv that helps to overcome such hardships. It is unity of purpose that must guide the Galuth in the paths of our noble heritage, so that we may survive.

So let us realize and face the challenge of the times. Many crises have we overcome; But not in numbers, not in brute force, but in the spirit lay our strenght. Never before we faced such a crises as this-- never before we have suffered such tremendous loss and tenfold therefore is our task to recover from its ravages. For if we perish, the heart of mankind is extinct. Let us now mobilize all our spiritual forces for this struggle. Let us delve deep into the arsenal of Judaism and

clad ourselves with its armour. Let us start to train our young to use the sacred weapon: Hebrew. Let us fill our homes with strains of Jewish song and music and poetry and prayer. And then there shall be none to fear; for with this armour we shall clad a pillar that upholds civilisation. With this armour we shall strenghten and make invincible the pillar in whose foundation we have laid the largest stone. Onward to our task-- to linger may be fatal! The goal may seem afar off, the way long and hard--- but the paths have been worn long ago. And it is up to us to follow diligently and steadfastly, turning neither to the left nor to the right, and united in our efforts we shall at last help the world attain the goal and realize the prophesy of Isaiah when he said:

"For but of Zion shall go forth the Law
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
And He shall judge between nations,
And shall decide for many people;
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks,
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more."

Amen.

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SPORTS OF THE MONTH.



PING-PONG:

Definitely the most popular activity, as can be noticed by anyone approaching the Ping-Pong room at all hours. In there our youth are getting rid of their pent-up energy to such an extent that the management of the club saw themselves necessitated to reinforce the walls by wood panelling. The ladies championship of our Center was won by Miss Marion Witting who managed it by making less mistakes than her opponents. Not that she got her price yet (bet your life its gonna be shaving cream).

Of greater importance to the general public was the JRC championship of which the A class single was won by Heini Deutsch, and wasn't his entire beloved family assembled to witness the triumph of their offspring! Bobby Katz, his runner-up took his revenge in the men's double playing with Rolf Zeidler. He should not expect much of a price though, as he got a kiss from his young wife on the spot. The B-class single was won by Peter Sonnenfeld who also won the double, the younger brother being his partner. Guenther Sonnenfeld, in spite of his insignificant appearance (all the opponent sees is his racket) plays an excellent game.

Although really unimportant, I ought to mention the "unconvincing" licking our undefeated JRC got at the hands of the Chinese National Team. Not that the score (0:16) could have been any worse, but it should give food for thought to our ping-pong "dictator" Mr. Schoenwetter.

OUTDOOR GAMES:

Our "brain-trust" having decided to support outdoor activities by setting an example, sent Hank Topfer to soft ball training. Showing extraordinary talent he managed to break one of his fingers with the first ball, but he bore it bravely remembering that history is written with the blood of the heroes. Thus this noble game has temporarily lost one of the promising stars.

GYMNASTICS:

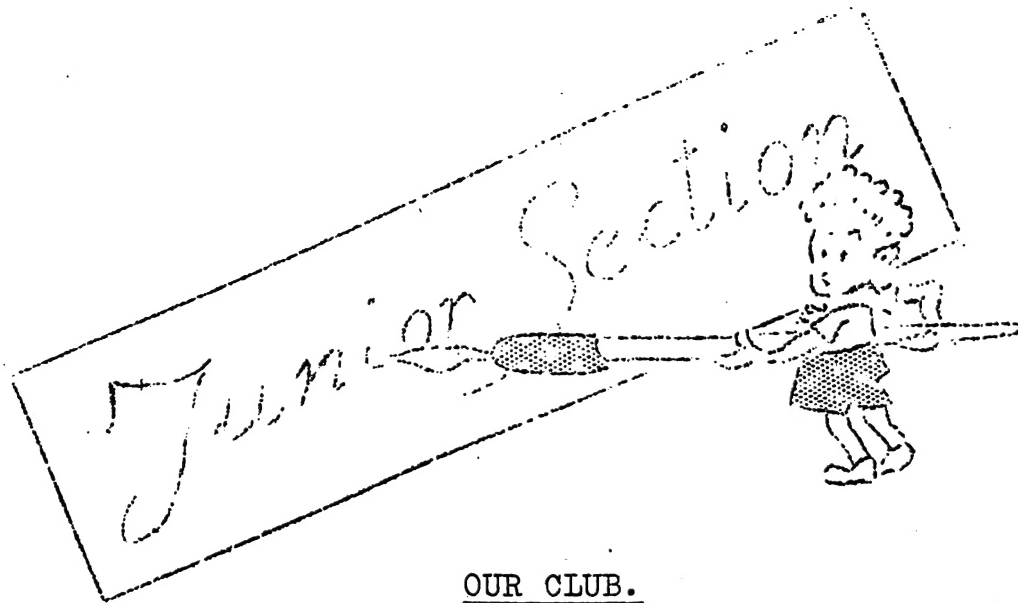
are practiced by the boys to build their physique (see W. Fueredi) and by the girls to get rid of surplus converted candy bars. For this purpose Leo Meyer has taken over the training in our new gymnasium, girls Tuesday, boys Wednesdays. Let us hope that there will be no further bloodshed, should any member of the brain-trust participate.

D.Kozakiewicz.

A HAPPY PASSOVER !

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

wishes
the Editorial Board of the "FUTURE".



OUR CLUB.

The Jewish Community Center means a lot to us for our education and comradeship. The boys and girls meet there and enjoy themselves, in all kinds of indoor and outdoor activities. It does not only teach us sports but also important things for our future life.

Mr. and Mrs. Grodsky who were kind enough to establish this club, have tried and succeeded in pleasing us. They have given us much equipment to pass our leisure time in the afternoon and we owe many thanks for all they have done for us.

The outdoor activities develop our bodies through the untiring work of Mr. Leo Meyer, the indoor games, such as craftwork, of which Mr. Kohlruss is in charge is also a very important part of our club. Every month we are having our movies, which show educational films as well as cartoons. Ping pong and Bingo are two activities liked by most of the children. Although I hope to leave Shanghai soon, the Community Center will always bring back nice memories to me.

Heinz Fleischmann (1)

I'M DREAMING

I'm dreaming of a lovely little house,
It stands across the sea - far from Shanghai,
It's nicely painted, furnished and inviting,
And there we lived, my family and I.

It is surrounded by a garden,
Where flowers and some trees do grow,
The birds are singing and the bees are humming,
While wintertime brings ice and snow.

I also can see hills and mountains,
I'm walking through a meadow in my dream,
Enjoying nature's countless wonders,
And life so wonderful does seem.

Do dreams come ever true I wonder?
If so my future will be gay,
And that is why I'm always praying,
Perhaps there'll be the lucky day.

Dorchen Moses (14).

The Readers Own!

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Dear Editor,

I have enjoyed exceedingly the article "Short Legs and Long Trousers" by Two Bobby Soxers, on Page 21 of your last issue. Please do not infer that I am voicing my solidarity with the views expressed. True, some ribbing is due to these silly apes (in the article called "impostors") who go around in almost complete American uniforms ardently praying to the gods to send some other ape, more monstrous even than themselves, who might mistake them for real Americans (oh, highest distinction of them all!) However the enjoyable feature of the article is that it casts unprecedented lights upon the mental status of these sub-females, who persist in aping the state-side specimens of their species, by calling themselves "Bobby Soxers".

The first, in itself very unimportant mistake is to label the time-honored wolf-whistle "strictly American". Having practised this very harmless pastime for nearly a decade, I can assure the public that there is nothing "strictly American" about it.

Next allow me to point out the frustrations of the writing team: While calling themselves "Bobby Soxers" in truly orthodox American style, they use the phrase (*Italics mine*) "even girls who go with Americans"

While strongly condemning the outward apparel of above-mentioned silly apes ("impostors"), I really enjoy the way in which the behaviour and interests of these sub-males are criticized by their female counterparts. While in due course of time these boys will outgrow their present mannerisms, it very frequently happens that the sub-female does not. As time goes by, the only change might be that her behaviour is no longer being termed "bobby-soxerish", but "moronic".

Regarding the worship of Rita Hayworth, Lana Turner, etc., may it not be that this is also caused by an aesthetic sense of beauty, which last may only so very rarely be detected in the ranks of the first-mentioned sub-females, who, by the way, are worshipping with very much greater gusto such idols as Frankie Sinatra?

Has it ever occurred to the two sub-females complaining so bitterly that our boys are allergic to matrimony that the most important pre-requisite for this is a subject worth the while of marrying? And, in the final analysis, may I ask how many such subjects do exist in the ranks of the bitterly complaining crew? I do not wish to rob them of their illusions that "the boys in Australia, U.S.A. etc...." are smitten with blindness and stupidity to a greater extent than our local specimens."

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THE READER'S OWN! (continued)

However, our dear "Bobby Soxers" will certainly get a nasty shock once they set their feet on teeming shores where the proportion of males to females is more evenly divided than in Shanghai, which, after all, "is only transitory".

So, closing their article with this monumental piece of crass stupidity, which very befittingly was saved for the last patronizing sentence, they concluded: "Let us have with them (our boys) and if we try to improve their charm we really do a good deed".

I feel faint, let me write no more!

Yours, etc.

An embittered Old Practitioner

Dear Editor,

I now wish to draw your attention to the fact that my name has been omitted twice in your last issue in connection with two of my contributions. I do not know whether above happened unintentionally or not, however, Hank apologized, and I hope that it will not happen again.

With reference to our new music room, I wish to state that this is really a wonderful idea, and at last all of us who love classical music have now opportunity to sit comfortably listening to records or the radio.

However, if there are some members sitting in this room, talking, laughing, and moving furnitures about, all those who really wish to listen to the music feel annoyed.

It would therefore be a good thing to suggest that only those who will behave quietly and do nothing but enjoy to listen to the greatest art that is called music, will be permitted to enter this room and all others to keep out!

Thanking you for your valuable space,

Horst Ebstein

To the members of the Community Center.

I could scarcely believe my ears when they chose me to be queen Esther and I was just as surprised as you were. This was the last party I would have the chance to go to because I am leaving for the States and it really gave me a very nice remembrance. I want to thank all those who voted for me and also Mrs. Gredsky, Walter Fueredi and Mr. Kehlruess, who have helped to make the party a success.

This is Evelyn saying farewell to all of you hoping that you will all be able to leave Shanghai for a better place soon. A special vote of thanks goes to the Thursday dancing class for the lovely souvenir they gave me. I appreciate it very much and will always think of them when I look at it.

Evelyn Chaim.

THE READER'S OWN! (continued)

Dear Editor,

As the Palestine Problem is very much in the news to-day, I should like to give you my views on this very controversial topic.

Once again the Jews are the talk of the world's press headlines. This time it is not oppressing or a massacre somewhere in the world, but terror, bloody **TERROR** in Palestine. Martial Law has been declared and Mandatar-regiments try to maintain peace and order, while a few thousand young Jewish daredevils, who are facing death with an open eye, are throwing bombs and fire bullets, to achieve something that all **ROUNDTABLE-CONFERENCES** did not procure: The establishment of a Jewish home and the free immigration of all Jews into Palestine.

Since fifty years is the Yishuv toiling a deserted country, Out of deserts and slums they made a land of milk and honey, of freedom and joy; a land where old and young can enjoy life side by side, and would look forward into a bright and happy future, if this land would be **OUR**.

Political negotiations to obtain Palestine for young Judah in modern times, date back well over half a century, as well fitted statesmen like Herzl, Weizmann, Ben Gurim and many more, tried and are still trying to recover with all their ability **THAT** place that is dear to Israel since centuries.

The fight over the round table, as press reports state, seems to have proved futile and has now reached a dead stop. The next assembly of politicians, who are interested in the Jewish Question and Palestine, will **NOT** meet again before September 1947. That means another six month of starvation and horror for Jewish **DP's** in European Concentration-Camps, detention of thousands of our brethren on Cyprus, the inability for parents to join their children in the Holy Land and vice versa. And all this after ten long years of unbearable sorrow and separation and a world-war that was fought and won to **FREE** all people.

Can anybody therefore blame these "**TERRORISTS**" if they fight for immigration, f r e e immigration for their brothers and sisters, while the rest of the world closes its borders against all survivors of Hitlerism, victims of a r e a l terror that were lucky enough to escape gaschambers and concentration camps?

Can anybody therefore blame the "**TERRORISTS**", if they try by means of fireworks and propaganda to keep the "**JEWISH QUESTION**" in the spotlight of world-affairs, so that it might be settled NOW once and for all??? Anybody is entitled to step forward and suggest a quicker and safer way to obtain Judah's want. But don't forget folks that it is Us that had to learn history the **HARD** way....

And can anybody therefore blame these "**TERRORISTS**", if they memorize history and put on their banner the quotation by our famous prophet Hillel, who once, while captured, imprisoned and trying to escape, uttered:

If I am not for myself, **WHO IS?**
If I am not for my people, **WHO IS?**
If not now....., **W H E N ?**

Harry Mothner